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Letter dated 20 September 2007 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council

I have received the attached letter, dated 19 September 2007, from Fouad Siniora, Prime Minister of Lebanon, in which he has requested technical assistance for the Government of Lebanon's efforts to investigate the murder of Antoine Ghanem, a Member of Parliament (see annex). The Government has requested that the International Independent Investigation Commission provide technical assistance to the relevant Lebanese authorities in their investigation into the matter.

I should be grateful if you would bring this letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ban** Ki-moon

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Annex

Letter dated 19 September 2007 from the Prime Minister of Lebanon to the Secretary-General

I write to you in relation to the heinous terrorist act which took the life of M. P. Antoine Toufic Ghanem, and at least six innocent civilians today in the eastern suburb of Beirut, and injured over 50 others, causing severe damage in the area of explosion. This horrific assassination is the latest in a series of attacks aiming at Lebanese politicians, ministers and parliamentarians, and comes a few days before the session called for at the Parliament for the election of a new President of the Republic, in a clear attempt at jeopardizing this constitutional process.

Based on the previous agreement between the International Independent Investigation Commission and the Lebanese Government, we hereby request technical assistance in the effort to investigate the murder of M. P. Ghanem.

We request that the International Independent Investigation Commission be in touch with the relevant Lebanese authorities for that purpose.

(*Signed*) Fouad **Siniora**